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Mr. Bundy:

Mr. Alexis Johnson is going to discuss this text with the Secretary at noon today and would appreciate any comments you may have.

(This is the last text which has been agreed upon between Mr. McCloy and Mr. Johnson.)

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Dear Mr. Secretary General:

In the period since the last meeting of the Security Council on the Cuban crisis, I am pleased to report that considerable progress has been made in relieving the tension which arose between the Soviet Union and the United States in connection with the introduction of certain offensive weapons ^{to} _A in the island of Cuba.

In this connection, for the Council's record, I am transmitting true copies of the President's letters of October 27 and October 28. Other statements relating to the United States position in this matter are contained in a White House press statement dated October 27, and in the President's opening remarks at his press conference on November 20, 1962.

The President of the United States has asked me to express to you his hope that the steps taken by the two governments in this matter may lead to further constructive efforts on the part of the United States and the Soviet Union to adjust the differences existing between them.

My Government is also grateful to you for your own part in assisting both parties to find the means to avert the serious

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threat to the peace which the Cuban situation then entailed.

In view of the present situation, my Government, which originally requested the Cuban item to be placed on the Security Council agenda, believes it need not occupy the Council's attention ^{FURTHER} at this time.